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ASK BETTER TELEVISION SETS -- Moscow, Radio, Sep 53

The former Ministry of Communications Equipment Industry, and the Ministry of Electric Power Stations and Electrical Industry after it, failed to organize the mass production of satisfactory low-priced television sets. As a result, radio plants are still turning out the obsolete KVN-49 television set, which was supposed to be taken out of production in 1953.

The television showrooms of the Radio Trust (A. A. Turchanin, director), Ministry of Electric Power Stations and Electrical Industry USSR, guarantee service on Leningrad T-2 sets within a 100-kilometer radius of Moscow.

The Ministry of Electric Power Stations and Electrical Industry has permitted intolerable delays in organizing the production of low-priced television sets with electrostatic /deflection/ picture tubes. The ministry should also quickly organize the production of television relay centers.

DOUBLE OUTPUT OF KVN-49 TELEVISION SETS -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 15 Aug 53

A year ago, the Aleksandrov Radio Plant began output of the KVN-49 television set. In July 1953, the plant doubled the production rate of television sets, as compared with December 1952.

The plant is now completing the development of a new-model television and radio receiver designed by A. N. Vasil'yev, chief of the plant television laboratory, and A. Yu. Ratmanskii, director of the project. The new set will be more dependable in operation, less labor-consuming to produce, and hence cheaper.

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BELARUS'-53 RADIO RECEIVER -- Moscow, Pravda, 18 Aug 53

The Minsk Radio Plant has designed and tested the Belarus'-53, fourteen-tube radio receiver. The set received a high rating in the tests, and the plant recently started assembly of the first group of these receivers.

Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 30 Aug 53

The Minsk Radio Plant will start production of the Belarus' [-53] receiver in 1953, and has already prepared over 1,000 dies, molds, and other accessories needed to manufacture the new set.

Moscow, Ogonek, 11 Oct 53

The Belarus'-53 receiver picks up programs on six wave bands and has six buttons for push-button tuning.

Now that it has started production of the Belarus'-53, the Minsk Radio Plant is organizing the production of a large-screen television set and a two-speed record player for standard and long-playing records.

UP-2 RADIO PHONOGRAPH -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 8 Jul 53

The Vil'nyus El'fa Plant has begun series production of the new UP-2 radio phonograph, which plays both standard and long-playing records. The plant is pledged to turn out hundreds of these radio phonographs by 21 July.

VEF PLANT LAGS -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latvija, 16 Jul 53

The Riga VEF Plant failed to fulfill its gross and commodity production plans for the first 6 months of 1953. The stamping shop has long been behind schedule and thus has disrupted the normal operation of other shops. The plant management is at fault here, because it fails to assure the stamping shop of a steady flow of materials. Relay armatures and cores make up a large part of the shop's production program, but this month the shop did not receive metal for these parts until 7 July and, even then, only enough for 2 weeks' operation. The shop also lacks the proper types of steel.

As a result, in the first 10 days of July, the shop was 2,400 norm-hours behind schedule (the total monthly plan is 10,614 norm-hours).

The Supply Division is also responsible for the fact that the tool shop is behind schedule. In the first 10 days of July, the shop turned out only 2 of the 70 dies scheduled for that period. On 9 July, ten workers in the tool shop were idle and others were not working at full capacity because of a shortage of steel products. The sheet steel needed by the tool shop has been available at the supply base since 1 July, but Rachkov, chief of the Supply Division, and Gramm, commercial director, have not managed to have it delivered to the plant. Conveyers in the radio unit assembly shop and the 7th radio assembly shop stood idle from 1 through 3 July because of failures on the part of the Supply Division.

Parts are delivered for machining sporadically and often fail to meet specifications for size and quality. On 9 July, press No 1 stood idle 3 hours because blanks for part No 8341002 were unusable. Situations like this occur several times a day, but nobody seems interested in fixing the responsibility for the waste of material.

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Poor work in the stamping and tool shops has a negative effect on the work of the relay shop, which failed to receive 30,000 cores and 44,000 armatures in June, and 10,000 cores and 18,000 armatures in the first 10 days of July. Consequently, the relay shop failed to meet its quota and, in turn, held up the work of the automatic telephone exchange and switchboard shop.

PRODUCES 25,000TH LOUD-SPEAKER -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latvya, 16 Aug 53

The Riga Electrical Fittings Plant has produced its 25,000th loud-speaker.

PRODUCES NEW WASHING MACHINES -- Moscow, Pravda, 20 Aug 53

The Riga Electrical Machine Building Plant has turned out the first group of new-model washing machines.

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